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SUBJECT: ASEA LOCOMOTIVE MAY RECEIVE AMTRAK AWARD

DURING MY VISIT ON DECEMBER 21 TO ASEA, "SWEDEN'S GENERAL ELECTRIC," I WAS TOLD THAT THE COMPANY WAS CONFIDENT THAT AMTRAK WOULD ANNOUNCE IN JANUARY THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR ABOUT 30 LOCOMOTIVES TO GENERAL MOTORS WHICH ARE ESSENTIALLY OF ASEA DESIGN. THE TEST MODEL, THE FIRST FOREIGN BUILT LOCOMOTIVE TO HAUL COMMERCIALY IN THE US, WAS USED BY AMTRAK LAST WINTER AND SPRING WITH OUTSTANDING RESULTS. INCORPORATING ASEA'S PATENTED THYRISTOR CONTROLLED SYSTEM THE LOCOMOTIVE WEIGHTS ONLY ONE-HALF AS MUCH AS THE CONVENTIONAL LOCOMOTIVE FOR THE SAME HORSEPOWER. ACCORDING TO ONE ASEA OFFICIAL, IT WAS DUBBED "THE MIGHTY MOUSE" BY AMTRAK. THE GENERAL MOTORS BID MIGHT BE FOR ABOUT \$1.2 MILLION PER LOCOMOTIVE, OF WHICH ASEA'S SHARE WOULD BE ABOUT \$500,000. THUS THE CONTRACT IS NOT LARGE IN MONEY TERMS, BUT IT WILL GIVE ASEA FAVORABLE PUBLICITY AT A TIME WHEN THE SWEDES FEEL THEY NEED ALL OF THE BREAKS THEY CAN GET. ASEA OFFICIALS ALSO SEE THE CONTRACT AS ONLY THE FIRST STEP IN WHAT COULD DEVELOP AS A LONG TERM ASEA

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